

---

## News Release

For immediate release

June 16, 2016

### Health Home Program coming to King and Snohomish counties

OLYMPIA – The Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will add Health Home care coordination services to King and Snohomish counties, effective Jan. 1, 2017. The addition of these two counties will result in statewide coverage of the Health Home Program.

HCA and DSHS began phasing in the program for Apple Health Medicaid and Medicaid/Medicare dual-eligible clients in 2013. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) section 2703 allows states to provide Health Home services. The addition of these counties is pending final approval of the State Plan Amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Health Home care coordination services support access to medical, behavioral health, and long-term services and support for eligible clients. The Health Home Program provides care coordinators who work with high-risk clients to support their overall health, well-being and self-care. Participation is optional and does not affect the health care benefits clients currently receive.

The Health Home Program promotes person-centered health action planning, empowering clients to take charge of their wellness. Care coordinators partner with clients to develop a Health Action Plan, which includes an evidence-based tool to determine their level of activation (knowledge, skill and confidence for managing one's health). These plans also include assessment tools for evaluating potential health risks and quality of life.

Clients, providers and advocates have strongly supported the Health Home Program in areas where the program is currently available.

**For more information:** [Health Homes](#)

**Contact the program:** [healthhomes@hca.wa.gov](mailto:healthhomes@hca.wa.gov)

###

---

**Media contacts**

[Amy Blondin](#), HCA Chief Communications Officer

- 360-725-1915 (office)
- 360-688-0131 (cell)

[Chris Wright](#), DSHS Media Relations Manager

- 360-902-8338 (office)